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1. Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo has been exceptionally quiet today.

The rebels have not responded to Imbert's initiative yesterday offering to put the whole problem of elections in the hands of the Organization of American States.

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The rebels may be waiting for further clarification of the Imbert proposals, or it may be that they have not been able to agree on what response to make.

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The military situation is unchanged.

2. Vietnam

The political deadlock has not yet been broken.

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Commenting on the recent upsurge in Viet Cong activity, US military officials in Saigon observe that Viet Cong main force units are being used in increasing numbers.

They are being used charily, however, and are quickly withdrawn once heavy contact is made, indicating a desire to avoid heavy casualties from air strikes. Most main force units are being withheld.

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3. Bolivia

Government teams are being sent into the tin mines to oversee implementation of the junta's reform decree.

So far, they have met little resistance from the miners, [REDACTED]

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The large mines near Huanuni and Catavi, where the greatest miner resistance was expected, have not yet been taken over by government teams. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the miners are now apathetic and [REDACTED] some of their leftist leaders have already pulled out.

Trouble could still develop when the government begins to lay off large numbers of redundant miners. The number to be discharged could reach 7,000 for whom some alternative employment must be found.

4. Venezuela

A team of Venezuelan Air Force officers are scheduled to depart next week for Paris where they will look into the possibility of buying supersonic Mirage III jet fighters. The French can be expected to make the Venezuelans an attractive offer since this would be the first sale of high-performance French military aircraft in Latin America.

No Latin American country has so advanced an aircraft, and, if Venezuela obtains the Mirage, other Latin countries will surely want comparable aircraft.

5. Kashmir

A UN observer, after looking into a recent clash between Indian and Pakistani troops near Kargil (see map), says that the situation along the cease-fire line is "explosive as hell." Both sides have indeed been taking a more belligerent stance along the line, and there is a real danger of larger clashes.

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6. Cyprus

Direct Greek-Turkish soundings on a Cyprus solution have begun in Athens, and already Cypriot President Makarios is out to torpedo these efforts.

For one thing, Makarios has asked U. Thant to send UN mediator Galo Plaza back to Cyprus to facilitate talks between Cyprus and Turkey, a move which has embarrassed Athens and annoyed Ankara.

Secondly, Makarios is toying with the idea of announcing new elections on the island. The Turks have warned they would strongly resist this. The Greeks thought they had the archbishop's promise not to take such an action.

Makarios is probably worried that bilateral Greek-Turkish talks will lead to undue concessions to the Turks and Turkish Cypriots.

7. Congo

Government columns from Paulis, on the move again after being resupplied and regrouped, have captured Buta, the headquarters of the largest remaining rebel band in the northeast. (See map.) The rebels were holding some 110 white hostages. At least 17 and probably many more were killed or maimed. Others were carried off into the nearby jungle, which is inhabited by tribes hostile to the central government.

8. Ghana

Plotting against Nkrumah continues.

There would probably be substantial support in the army for Nkrumah's ouster.

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